

BOARD OF MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
September 11, 2006 MINUTES

On Monday, September 11, 2006, a meeting of the Board of Madison County Commissioners came to order at 10:00 AM with Commissioners Ted Coffman, Frank Nelson and David Schulz present.

David Schulz moved to approve the September 5, 2006, minutes as read. Frank Nelson seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Those present at the meeting were Jim Hart, Lewis Stahl, Brandy Hilton, Vicki Tilstra, Tom Ramirez, John Connor, Judi Osborn, Shelly Burke, Cameron Clark, and Frank Ford.

Jim Hart, District 3 Commissioner Candidate, and Lewis Stahl, District 2 Commissioner Candidate, were present to observe the meeting.

Recertification of Taxable Values: Brandy Hilton, Department of Revenue, and Vicki Tilstra, Bookkeeping, met with the Board to discuss recertification of taxable values for several taxing jurisdictions. David Schulz moved to not recertify the taxable values for Gallatin Fire, Twin Bridges Fire, Ruby Valley Soil, and Jefferson Valley Soil. Frank Nelson seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Other jurisdictions involved were Whitehall Elementary, Whitehall High School, Big Sky Water, Big Sky Sewer and the Town of Twin Bridges. These jurisdictions will make their own determination regarding recertification.

Part Time Employee Portion of Insurance Premiums: Vicki Tilstra, Bookkeeping, met with the Board to discuss the percentage of medical insurance premium paid by part time employees. Currently part time employees working less than three-quarter time pay thirty-one percent of their premium. Vicki questioned whether there should be another cut off, requiring employees to pay a larger portion of the premium if they work less than half time. Because part time employees are very valuable and fill a void, especially in the nursing homes, Frank Nelson moved to leave the part time employee portion of insurance premiums as they are. David Schulz seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Public Discussion: Tom Ramirez, Juvenile Probation Officer, stopped in at the meeting to inform the Board that Julie Dewey, Grant Writer, got a grant for his department and commended Julie for doing a good job.

Building Project: The Board discussed the Building Project in a telephone conversation with Rick Schlenker of SMA Architects.

County Attorney Position: John Connor, Department of Justice, stopped in at the meeting to introduce himself to the Board and offer assistance in recruiting a new County Attorney.

Board Appointments: The Board discussed the need to write a policy regarding advisory board appointments. Frank Nelson will write a Resolution regarding this policy. Frank Nelson moved to appoint Kathine Looney to the Madison County Planning Board representing the Harrison/Pony area. David Schulz seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Speed Study – Jefferson Island: The Board discussed the need to formally request a speed study in the Jefferson Island area at the request of citizens in that area. Frank Nelson moved to write a letter to the Montana Department of Transportation requesting that a speed study be conducted on a portion of Highway 287 just South of Jefferson Island. David Schulz seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

School Budgets & Transportation and Retirement Mills: Shelly Burke, Treasurer, and Judi Osborn, Superintendent of Schools, met with the Board to discuss school budgets. Frank Nelson moved to approve school budgets for Ennis K-12, Sheridan Elementary, Alder Elementary, Sheridan High School, Twin Bridges K-12, and Harrison K-12. David Schulz seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

David Schulz moved to approve school mill levy requests including Transportation and Retirement Mills. Frank Nelson seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Airport Bids, Contracts & Grants

Twin Bridges Weather Reporting Equipment: Frank Nelson moved to approve the executed contract documents, between Madison County and Midland Electric and Contracting, for Twin Bridges Airport Improvements Project, AIP 3-30-0080-007-2006, Schedule II, for installation of Automated Weather Reporting Equipment. David Schulz seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Ennis Weather Reporting Equipment: David Schulz moved to approve the executed contract documents, between Madison County and Midland Electric and Contracting, for Ennis/Big Sky Airport Improvements Project, AIP 3-30-0090-008-2006, Schedule II, for installation of Automated Weather Reporting Equipment. Frank Nelson seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Ennis Building Notice of Award: David Schulz moved to approve the Notice of Award to Joe Richardson, Richardson Building and Design, for the Big Sky (Ennis) Airport Improvements, SRE Building, AIP 3-30-0090-2007, in the amount of \$92,450. Frank Nelson seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Public Discussion: Cameron Clark, County Extension Agent, stopped in at the meeting to say hello. Cameron and the Board discussed the outcome of the recent County Fair. Cameron stated that the Livestock Sale went smoothly and that this was the largest overall sale they have ever had. Cameron commended all the volunteers who helped make this year's fair a success. Cameron also discussed upcoming plans for Ranchers Roundtable.

Big Sky Safety Planning: Frank Ford, Director of Emergency Management, presented the Board with a Professional Services Contract for a public safety assessment in Big Sky. Because this a good and needed project and will provide documentation giving guidance, David Schulz moved to approve the Professional Services Contract, dated September 11, 2006, between Madison County and Firescope Mid-America for a Public Safety Assessment and Plan for Big Sky, Montana, in the amount of \$30,800 payable in specified increments according to completion of specified tasks. Frank Nelson seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Claims: The Board approved claims.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.

C. Ted Coffman, Chairman
Board of Madison County Commissioners

Date Approved: September 18, 2006
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